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SUBJECT: BOSNIA- LETTER FROM MINISTER OF DEFENSE CIKOTIC TO  
MNF-I COMMANDER GENERAL PETRAEUS

¶1. (SBU) Minister of Defense Cikotic requested Post deliver  
the following letter from the Minister to General Petraeus,  
Commander of MNF-I Iraq.

Begin Text of Letter:

Bosnia-Herzegovina  
Ministry of Defense

Sarajevo  
January 18, 2008

General David Howell Petraeus  
Commanding General  
Multi-National Force- Iraq (MNF-I)

Dear Sir:

It is my pleasure to respond to the letter from MNF-I dated  
30 September 2007. In this letter, MNF-I requested that  
Bosnia-Herzegovina deploy an infantry company or platoon plus  
for fixed-site security duties in Iraq.

I am pleased to inform you that on January 17 the Bosnian  
Presidency has given preliminary approval for this  
deployment. This important decision indicates our strong  
commitment to meet your request and our participation in  
MNF-I.

Before issuing final approval for the deployment, the  
Presidency has requested further information as to the size  
of the unit requested for this deployment and potential  
locations for its deployment in Iraq.

I have been authorized to engage with MNF-I commanders in  
Iraq on these issues during our visit scheduled for January  
28-30. Upon my return, I will brief the Presidency on the  
information provided and seek final approval to undertake  
this deployment.

Again, it is my pleasure to inform you of these developments in meeting your request. I look forward to speaking with you or one of your colleagues in Iraq.

Sincerely,  
Selmo Cikotic  
Minister  
(signature)

End Text of Message.  
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